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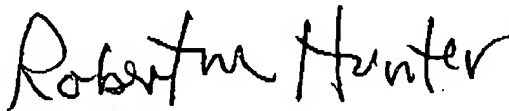
**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In the light of the granting of the applicants' petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority (copy of petition and corrected filing receipt attached), the applicants request reconsideration of the Advisory Action dated 01/26/2007.

The applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of  
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Filed: February 19, 2004  
Attorney Docket No. 04-0220-LOV

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: **DECISION ON PETITIONS**  
: **UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) AND (a)(6)**  
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This is a decision on the petition treated under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6), filed January 9, 2007, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§120 and 119(e) to the prior-filed applications set forth in the concurrently filed amendment; namely, nonprovisional Application No. 10/681,671 and provisional Application No. 60/416,994.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) and 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(i) and (iii) and 1.78(a)(5)(i) and (iii) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Additionally, this application must be pending at the time of filing of the reference to the prior-filed provisional application as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii). Further, the nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application must have been filed within twelve months of the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application.

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All the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

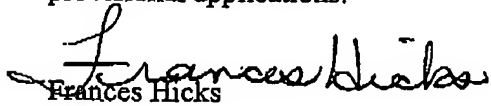
The rule at 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) requires a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the required language, the statement is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6). If this is not a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition, petitioner should promptly notify the Office.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed applications under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed applications. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed applications, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) and under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed applications should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed applications noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed applications, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 1755 for consideration by the examiner of the claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 119(e) of the prior-filed nonprovisional and provisional applications.

  
Frances Hicks  
Petitions Examiner  
Office of Petitions

ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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## CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT



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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CIP of 10/134,178 04/26/2002 PAT 6,719,828  
which claims benefit of 60/287,939 04/30/2001  
This application 10/783,264  
is a CIP of 10/681,671 10/07/2003 PAT 7,048,781  
which claims benefit of 60/416,994 10/07/2002

## Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 05/14/2004

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/783,264**

Projected Publication Date: Request for Non-Publication Acknowledged

Non-Publication Request: Yes

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Regenerable high capacity sorbent for removal of mercury from flue gas

Preliminary Class

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